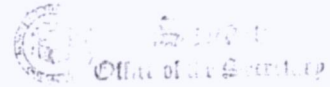


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) was primarily created to provide relevant, accessible, high quality and efficient technical education and skills development in support of the development of high quality Filipino middle-level manpower responsive to and in accordance with Philippine development goals and priorities.

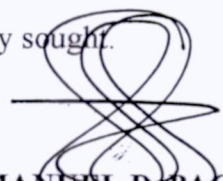
In the fulfillment of TESDA's mandate, it established three (3) TESDA training centers in SOCCSKSARGEN Region. Despite this, its presence is still not enough to accommodate more of its youth population, especially the out-of-school youth. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reports that the unemployment rate of Region XII accounts to 3.8% with underemployment rate of 17.9%.

Meanwhile, the construction sector has been one of the largest employment generators in the country. For 2017-2022, the Philippine Construction Industry is targeted to grow at a very fast pace under the Build Build Build Program of the government which aims to accelerate infrastructure development translating into multiplier economic effects.

The lack of regional training center and the lack of training capability to empower the youth population to respond with the growing opportunities in the region must be acted with the creation of TESDA Manpower Development Institute (MDI) in the region.

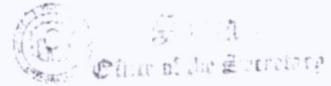
In this regard, this bill seeks to expand the coverage of TESDA programs by creating a TESDA Training Institute in SOCCSKSARGEN Region to address the lack in training centers and enhance the quality of manpower in the Region and the neighboring provinces.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this bill is earnestly sought.

  
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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress  
assembled:*

1           **Section 1. TESDA Manpower and Development Institute (MDI).** – There shall be an  
2 established Technological Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Manpower  
3 Development Institute (MDI) in the SOCCSKSARGEN or Region XII under the control and  
4 supervision of the TESDA.  
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6           The MDI is a TESDA Regional Training Center which is responsive to the agency's  
7 mandate and to the current Build Build Build program of the government. It will be a premier  
8 Construction Training Center in the Philippines making Construction as its Center of Excellence.  
9 It will provide a set of qualifications under the construction sector and its related standards. The  
10 Institute will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for construction.  
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12           **Section 2. General Mandate.** – The TESDA-MDI shall provide technical-vocational  
13 training and skills development programs to students from low-income families and to out-of-  
14 school youths in the SOCCSKSARGEN Region and its neighboring provinces. It shall mold the  
15 students to become productive, self-reliant, and globally-competitive middle-level manpower,  
16 responsive to and in accordance with Philippine Development Goals and Priorities, in order to  
17 boost the socio-economic development of the Region and to competently meet the demands of  
18 local and international labor markets.  
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20           The TESDA-MDI shall also serve as regional competency assessment center for the  
21 construction sector and related courses in the whole SOCCSKSARGEN Region. In coordination  
22 with the Department of Education (DepEd), it shall render when necessary and practicable,  
23 teacher's capability building programs and curriculum design technical assistance to the secondary  
24 schools in the Region offering technical-vocational and livelihood track and under the K-12  
25 Program from DepEd.  
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1           **Section 3. Curricular Offerings.** – The TESDA-MDI shall address the skills development  
2 priorities of the SOCCSKSARGEN Region focusing on construction sector and related  
3 qualifications. It shall also offer Diploma programs and other short-term courses in preferred  
4 market-driven and relevant technical-vocational courses or qualifications within its areas of  
5 specialization in consultation with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Local  
6 Government Units (LGUs), the industries and such other relevant agencies, both local and  
7 international.

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9           The TESDA-MDI is committed in providing quality technical education relevant to the  
10 needs of the community and industry focusing on the construction sector in accordance with the  
11 agency's standards on curriculum development and program registration. This can be achieved  
12 through providing quality facilities that meet the industry standards, providing adequate resources  
13 for the trainers and students and enhancing the facilities to support studies, disciplines and  
14 activities for students and training staff. Since the agency is providing technical-vocational and  
15 educational training for global competitiveness, the institute will provide programs aligned with  
16 the ASEAN Qualification Reference Framework (AQRF).

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18           The TESDA-MDI may likewise establish research and development centers, mobile  
19 training programs, satellite offices throughout the SOCCSKSARGEN Region to strengthen  
20 linkages between the industry, academe, and the technology programs.

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22           **Section 4. Site.** – The TESDA Manpower Development Institute shall be established in the  
23 municipality of Alabel, pursuant to the mutual agreement between TESDA and the Local  
24 Government Unit of Alabel, Sarangani Province.

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26           **Section 5. Organizational Structure and Staffing Program.** – The TESDA Manpower  
27 Development Institute shall adopt the organizational structure and staffing pattern of a TESDA  
28 Regional Training Center in accordance with the existing guidelines of the Department of Budget  
29 and Management (DBM), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC).

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31           **Section 6. Appropriations.** – An initial amount of One Hundred Million Pesos  
32 (Php100,000,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the implementation of this Act. Thereafter, the  
33 amount necessary for the funding of the TESDA-MDI shall be included in the annual General  
34 Appropriations Act as a separate line item budget under TESDA.

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36           **Section 7. Separability Clause.** – If any provision of this Act shall be declared invalid or  
37 unconstitutional, the remaining part of provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in force.

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39           **Section 8. Repealing Clause.** – All existing laws or parts thereof inconsistent with the  
40 provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

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42           **Section 9. Effectivity Clause.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its  
43 publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation.

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45           Approved,  
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